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SUBJECT: ITALY'S STATUS AT ILO CONFERENCE/ABSENTEE VOTING BY
ITALIANS

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1. FOREIGN MINISTER FORLANI IS SCHEDULED TO BE AWAY FROM
ROME DURING MUCH OF MAY, AMBASSADOR MAY BE UNABLE TO
BOTA IN APPOINTMENT TO MAKE PERSONAL DEMARCHE TO FORLANI
AS HE MADE TO LABOR MINISTER (AND ITALIAN ILO CONFERENCE
DELEGATION CHIEF) ANSELM I (REFTEL).

2. FOREIGN MINISTRY UNDER SECRETARY FRANCO FOSCHI WILL VISIT
WASHINGTON O/A MAY 22, ON LAST LEG OF TRIP TO EXPLORE
QUESTION OF ABSENTEE VOTING RIGHTS FOR OVERSEAS ITALIANS
WITH LOCAL ITALIAN COMMUNITY LEADERS. OFFICER IN CHARGE
OF ILO MATTERS AT FONMIN SUGGESTED THAT FOSCHI'S VISIT
GIVES USG EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT US POINT OF
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VIEW ON ILO. ITALIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON IS MAKING
ARRANGEMENTS FOR FOSCHI'S VISIT.

3. COMPOSITION OF ITALIAN TRIPARTITE DELEGATION TO
ILO CONFERENCE NOT YET AVAILABLE.

4. COMMENT: FOSCHI'S TRIP, UNPUBLICIZED IN ITALY, IS

REPORTEDLY AN EXPLORATORY MISSION ON BEHALF OF CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY (DC) WITH THOUGHT BEING THAT VOTING BY OVERSEAS ITALIANS MIGHT BE OVERWHELMINLY PRO-DC, IF ABSENTEE VOTING WERE LEGALIZED, AND THUS NEUTRALIZE PREDOMINANTLY COMMUNIST VOTES OF EXPATRIATE ITALIANS IN EUROPE, MANY OF WHOM NOW RETURN TO VOTE IN ITALY. EMBASSY OFFICERS HAD ALREADY HEARD THAT FOSCHI MIGHT ALSO BE INTERESTED IN OTHER CONTACTS IN WASHINGTON IN THE LABOR AREA. AS ONE OF THE TWO POLITICAL DEPUTIES TO FOREIGN MINISTER FORLANI, FOSCHI MIGHT BE AMENABLE TO POLITICAL ARGUMENTS FOR TAKING A MORE FORTHRIGHT PRO-WESTERN STANCE THAN THAT GENERALLY ADOPTED BY DR. AGO, ITALY'S REIGNING ILO EXPERT AND GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE ON THE ILO GB.

5. ACTION RECOMMENDED. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO APPROACH ITALIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON AND OFFER APPROPRIATE APPOINTMENTS FOR UNDER SECRETARY FOSCHI.
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